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SUBJECT:MBFR: GUIDANCE FOR ROUND TEN

THIS CABLE IS A REPEAT OF STATE 248443 (DTG 061711Z OCT 76).

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR US MBFR DELEGATION. USDEL MAY SHARE THIS WITH AHG AS APPROPRIATE.
2. WESTERN PROPOSAL: DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS OVERALL MERITS OF WESTERN PROPOSAL, AS EXPANDED BY THE NUCLEAR OFFER OF LAST DECEMBER, AND SEEK EASTERN RECOGNITION OF ITS IMPORTANCE AND COMMENSURATE EASTERN MOVES IN RESPONSE TO IT.
3. DEFINITIONS DISCUSSION: DELEGATION MAY SAY THAT WESTERN TABLING OF UPDATED DATA ON WESTERN FORCES REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT THAT WESTERN VIEW OF OVERALL SIZE OF DISPARITY REMAINS BASICALLY AS SUBMITTED IN 1973. DELEGATION MAY ADD THAT MORE INFORMATION ON EASTERN COUNTING RULES IS NEEDED BY WEST.

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4. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO BEGIN A DATA/DEFINITION DISCUSSION IN ADVANCE OF TABLING OF UPDATED WESTERN DATA. IN SUCH DISCUSSION, DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK INITIALLY TO

LEARN WHAT COUNTING RULES EAST USED IN DEVELOPING ITS  
JUNE 10 DATA AND EASTERN RATIONALE FOR THESE RULES, AND

MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER EAST HAS EXCLUDED CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF MILITARY MANPOWER THAT WEST INCLUDES IN ITS DEFINITION. AS NECESSARY TO THIS EFFORT, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WHAT COUNTING RULES THE EAST HAS PROVIDED WEST DELEGATION MAY ALSO DESCRIBE WESTERN COUNTING RULES. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD NOT DISCUSS INCONSISTENCIES IN WESTERN MANPOWER REPORTING.

5. IN THIS EFFORT, DELEGATION SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT DISCUSSION OF COUNTING RULES SHOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO EITHER SIDE'S POSITION. WHILE WEST CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE COVERED BY AN MBFR AGREEMENT, DELEGATION SHOULD AVOID FOCUSING ON LEGITIMACY OF EASTERN OR ESTABLISHED WESTERN COUNTING RULES AT THIS STAGE. SPECIFICALLY, THE DELEGATION SHOULD NOT AT THIS STAGE DEBATE MERITS OF ANY PARTICULAR EASTERN OR WESTERN COUNTING RULE OR PRESS EAST TO AGREE THAT DISPARITY IN ACTIVE DUTY MANPOWER IS OF A SPECIFIC SIZE. HOWEVER, DELEGATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE WESTERN CONVICTION THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DISPARITY OF THE MAGNITUDE INDICATED BY ALREADY TABLED WESTERN 1973 DATA.

6. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PHASE OF DISCUSSIONS IS TO GAIN A DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPECIFIC MANPOWER CATEGORIES THE EAST HAS INCLUDED IN, AND EXCLUDED FROM, EASTERN DATA.

7. ONCE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED ON EASTERN COUNTING RULES, DELEGATION MAY, AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM WASHINGTON, SEEK TO OBTAIN DATA ON SIZE OF MANPOWER CATEGORIES EXCLUDED UNDER EASTERN COUNTING RULES BUT  
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INCLUDED IN MBFR MANPOWER BY WEST. HOWEVER, DELEGATION MAY NOT QUANTIFY ELEMENTS EXCLUDED BY WEST (CIVILIANS, PARAMILITARY, RESERVISTS, ETC.). NOR MAY DELEGATION AT THIS TIME AGREE TO NATIONAL OR ANY OTHER FORM OF DISAGGREGATION OF DATA.

8. IF EAST REFUSES TO DISCUSS ITS COUNTING RULES, TO QUANTIFY SIZE OF ITS EXCLUDED CATEGORIES, OR DEMANDS AN UNACCEPTABLE RECIPROCAL WESTERN MOVE (E.G., TABLING DATA ON ELEMENTS EXCLUDED BY WEST), DELEGATION SHOULD SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER GUIDANCE. ROBINSON  
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